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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG, US

SUBJ: WASHINGTON POST STORY ON US-ZAIRE RELATIONS

REF: LUANDA 1127

1. OTTAWA CALLED ON ME AUGUST 15 TO SAY THAT AMONG THE STORIES HE WAS WRITING WAS ONE ON THE STATE OF US-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS. HE TOLD ME THAT IT WAS HIS CONCLUSION THAT THE "COUP MONTE ET MANQUE" HAD BEEN A PURE FABRICATION BY MOBUTU DESIGNED TO GET MONEY AND ARMS OUT OF THE US. WHILE I'M SURE THAT OTTAWAY THREW THIS AT ME IN ORDER TO GET SOME REACTION THAT HE COULD USE IN HIS STORY, I SAW NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO DISABUSE HIM. I POINTED OUT THAT THE USG, AS ONE OF ZAIRE'S OLDEST FRIENDS, HAD LONG MADE IT CLEAR TO MOBUTU THAT IT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ZAIRE'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HELP. I SAID, ON BACKGROUND, THAT AMBASSADOR HINTON HAD PURSUED THIS THEME WHILE ON CONSULTATIONS AND HAD COMMUNICATED OUR STANCE SEVERAL TIMES TO THE GOZ--AND THIS LONG BEFORE THE COUP FLAP. I SAID THAT THIS WAS STILL OUR POSITION AND THAT, AS THE DEPARTMENT HAD SAID, WE CONSIDER OUR RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE TO BE VERY IMPORTANT.

2. I TOLD HIM THAT AMBASSADOR VANCE HAD BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK  
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FRANKLY WITH MOBUTU AND TO ASSURE HIM THAT THE US HAD NOT

BEEN INVOLVED. I SAID THAT IT SEEMED TO ME THAT OUR  
RELATIONS WERE NOW ON THE MEND BUT THAT WE DID NOT WISH  
OR EXPECT MOBUTU TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THIS  
EFFECT. IN SUM, I TRIED TO CONVEY THE LINE THAT THE US  
AND ALL OF ZAIRE'S FRIENDS IN THE WESTERN WORLD WANTED TO  
SEE A SOLUTION TO THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM AND THAT I BELIEVED  
THAT THE ELEMENTS OF SUCH A SOLUTION WERE FAILLING INTO  
PLACE. I ASKED OTTAWAY TO AVOID WRITING HIS STORY IN A  
WAY THAT WOULD MAKE IT LOOK AS IF MOBUTU HAD CAVED IN OR  
WAS PULLING BACK ON PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED POSITIONS AND  
HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD.

3. I'VE GOT MY FINGERS CROSSED.  
WALKER

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